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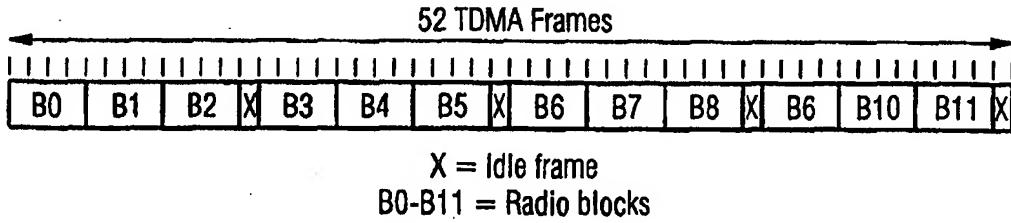
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(57) Abstract

The present invention relates to an access method for mobile telecommunication systems comprising the following steps: providing a logical access control channel between a mobile station and a base station, sending a channel request signal on said logical access control channel from the mobile station to the base station, mapping said logical access control channel onto at least one physical channel, which has a multi-frame structure consisting of a plurality of frames, wherein said plurality of frames is divided into several radio blocks comprising a predetermined number of time slots and providing a linking state flag (USF) in radio blocks in the downlink direction which indicates that the following group of time slots (TS) in the uplink direction are access time slots used for access bursts, selecting the access bursts in a random access procedure, wherein a first portion of said access time slots is reversed exclusively for priority applications with strict delay requirements and a second portion of said access time slots is reserved for all applications.

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## Access Method for Mobile Telecommunication System

The invention relates to an access method for a mobile telecommunication system, and in particular for a global system for mobile communication that provides a packet-switched network service such as the General Packet Radio Service (GPRS).

The Global System for Mobile Telecommunication (GSM) is designed as an international digital cellular service. GSM uses combined time division multiple access (TDMA) and frequency division multiple access (FDMA) duplex for access. GSM has been adapted to work at 1800 MHz for the personal communications networks (PCN) in Europe and at 1900 MHz for personal communication services (PCS) in the United States. The GSM standard specifies the frequency bands of 890 to 915 MHz for the up-link band and 935 to 960 MHz for the downlink band, with each band divided into 200 kHz channels. The GSM network consists of mobile stations, a base station subsystem (BSS), a network subsystem and air interfaces. The mobile station (MS) has a radio transceiver, display and digital signal processors, and a smart card called the subscriber identity module (SIM). The identity of the handheld mobile station device is not linked to the handset, but to the SIM. The SIM provides mobility so that the subscriber can have access to all services regardless of the location. The BSS consists of two parts, namely the base transceiver station (BTS) and the base station controller (BSC). The BTS contains the radio transceivers that define a cell and handles the radio-link protocols with the mobile stations. The BSC provides the connection between the mobile stations and the mobile service-switching centre (MSC). It manages the radio resources for the BTS/MS handling such functions as radio-channel set-up, frequency hopping and hand-offs. The BSC also translates the 13

KBPS voice channels used over the radio link to the standard 64-KPBS channel used by the land-based public switched telephone network (PSTN) or the integrated service digital network (ISDN). The main part of the network subsystem is the MSC. The MSC provides a connection to the public network  
5 and signalling between various network elements. The MSC contains no information about particular mobile stations. This information is stored in two location registers, which are essentially databases. The home location register (HLR) and the visitor location register (VLR) together with the MSC provide the call routing and roaming capabilities of GSM.

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Since radio spectrum is a limited resource shared by all users, the bandwidth must be divided up among as many users as possible. The method for dividing up the bandwidth used by GSM is a combination of time and frequency division multiple access.

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The FDMA part involves the division by frequency of the total 25-MHz bandwidth on 125 carriers of 200 kHz bandwidth as can be seen from Fig. 1. One or more carrier frequencies are then assigned to each base station. Each of these carrier frequencies is then divided in time, using a TDMA scheme, into  
20 eight time slots. Eight time slots form, for instance, a TDMA frame. One time slot is used for transmission by the mobile station MS and one for the reception. The time slots are then separated in time so that the mobile station does not receive and transmit at the same time.

25 Within the framework of TDMA, two types of logical channels are provided, i.e. traffic channels (TCH) and control channels (CCH). Traffic channels TCH carry voice and data between users, while the control channels CCH carry information that is used by the network for supervision and management. Among control channels CCH are a random access channel (RACH) which is  
30 used to request access to the network and an access grant channel (AGCH) for sending an assignment signal from the BSS to the mobile station MS and

informing the mobile station MS that a traffic channel TCH has been assigned to it.

- There are four categories of logical control channels CCH used by GSM, known  
5 as the broadcast control channel (BCCH), the common control channel  
(CCCH), the stand-alone dedicated control channel (SDCCH) and the  
associated control channel (ACCH). The broadcast control channel BCCH  
transmits unidirectionally information from the BSS to the mobile station MS,  
wherein said information is needed by the mobile station for the  
10 communication. The random access control channel RACH and the access  
grant channel AGCH are also unidirectional, wherein on the random access  
channel RACH a random access signal is transmitted from the mobile station  
MS to the base station BS, while on the access grant channel AGCH an  
assignment signal is sent from the BSS to the mobile station MS.  
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- A physical channel in a time division multiple access TDMA system is defined  
as a time slot (TS) with a time slot number (TN) in a sequence of the TDMA  
frames. The GSM system, however, deploys TDMA combined with frequency  
hopping (FH) and, hence, the physical channel in GSM is partitioned in both  
20 time and frequency. Consequently, the physical channel is defined as a  
sequence of radio frequency channels and time slots. Each carrier frequency  
supports eight physical channels mapped onto eight time slots within a TDMA  
frame, as can be seen from Fig. 1.
- 25 As can be seen from Fig. 2, each TDMA frame has eight time slots. During  
each time slot, information like voice- or data signals can be transmitted in  
information packets with a predetermined structure. There are substantially five  
different types of these so-called bursts, as can be seen from Fig. 2. For data  
transmission, a so-called normal burst is used comprising two sequences of  
30 encrypted data bits. In the frequency correction burst, all bits are zero, giving  
with the GSMK-modulation a pure sinus which can be used for frequency

correction. The synchronisation burst has a long training sequence for time synchronisation.

The access burst shown in Fig. 2 is the first signal sent from the mobile station  
5 MS to the base station. Signals arriving at the base station from close mobile stations and from mobile stations which are far away have to reach the base station in a correct time relation to avoid overlapping of the bursts. Accordingly, the access burst has a long guard period of 68,25 bit corresponding to a period of 252 µs in which the burst has to travel a distance of 76 km which is  
10 approximately double the size of a network cell.

Fig. 3 shows the call establishment between mobile station MS and a base station. The mobile station MS initiates the call establishment procedure by transmitting a request on the random access control channel RACH. Since this  
15 RACH is shared by all users in range of the base station, a random access protocol, like the ALOHA protocol, has to be employed to resolve possible collisions. Once the BSS has received the request of the mobile station MS, it responds with an immediate assignment message on the access grant control channel AGCH that directs the mobile station MS to tune to a dedicated control  
20 channel for the ensuing call set-up. Upon completion of the call set-up negotiation, a logical traffic channel TCH is assigned by the base station BS and all future communication takes place on said logical traffic channel TCH.

A new transmission capability for GSM that will be especially useful for data traffic is the so-called general packet radio service (GPRS). GPRS will provide  
25 fast call set up times so that data users will not have to wait for the phone to dial, as they do with circuit switched call. GPRS will handle rates from 14 Kbps, using just one TDMA slot, up to 100 Kbps and more, using all eight TDMA slots.

A problem with the conventional random access procedure within GPRS  
30 resides in that it does not support priorities of applications with different delay

requirements. On the other hand, the standard foresees four different qualities of services QoS classes for data transfer. For mobile originated traffic this means that data packets with a guaranteed QoS are serviced first, if they had the chance to ask for resources.

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- In the case of applications, which have strict delay requirements, the first bottleneck for the mobile originated traffic is this conventional random access procedure. There is a competition between all requests regardless of their requirements or priorities. In heavy traffic situations, this might lead to the 10 situation that delays due to collisions occur which are not tolerable.

In view of the foregoing the main object of the present invention is to provide and improve the access method for mobile telecommunication systems and support applications with special delay requirements.

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This object is reached by an access method for mobile telecommunication systems comprising the following steps:

Providing a logical access control channel between a mobile station and a base station,

- 20 sending a channel request signal on said logical access control channel from the mobile station to the base station,  
mapping said logical access control channel onto at least one physical channel, which has a multi-frame structure consisting of a plurality of frames, wherein said plurality of frames is divided into several radio blocks comprising a  
25 predetermined number of time slots and providing a linking state flag (USF) in radio blocks in the downlink direction which indicates that the following group of time slots (TS) in the uplink direction are access time slots used for access bursts,  
selecting the access bursts in a random access procedure,

wherein a first portion of said access time slots is reversed exclusively for priority applications with strict delay requirements and a second portion of said access time slots is reserved for all applications.

- 5 Preferred embodiments of the access method according to the present invention are claimed by the subclaims.

The foregoing and other objects, features, aspects and advantages of the present invention will become more apparent from the following detailed

- 10 description of the present invention when taken in conjunction with the accompanying figures.

Fig.1 is a diagram illustrating the combined TDMA and FDMA in a conventional GSM-system.

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Fig.2 shows different types of bursts used in a GSM.

Fig.3 is a diagram illustrating the call establishment between a mobile station and a base station.

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Fig.4 shows the 52-multiframe structure of a physical channel within GPRS.

Fig.5 shows the structure of a radio block within the multiframe structure of Fig.4.

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Fig.6 is a diagram illustrating a first embodiment of the present invention.

Fig.7 is a diagram illustrating a second embodiment of the present invention.

- 30 Fig.8 is a diagram illustrating a third embodiment of the present invention.

In the following, the present invention is described with respect to Fig. 4 to 8.

Fig. 4 shows the multi-frame structure of a physical channel PDCH, wherein the sharing of the physical channel is based on blocks of four consecutive bursts.

- 5 Here, 52 TDMA-frames for GPRS are shown, by means of example. The mapping in frequency PDCH onto the physical channel is defined in GSM05.02. The mapping in time of the logical channels is defined by a multi-frame structure as can be seen in Fig. 4. The multi-frame structure of PDCH consists of 52 TDMA frames divided into 12 blocks (of four frames) and four idle frames.

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The cell supporting GPRS may allocate resources on one of several physical channels in order to support the GPRS traffic. Those physical channels, i.e. PDCHs, shared by the GPRS mobile stations are taken from the common pool of physical channels available in the cell. The allocation of physical channels to circuit switched services and GPRS is done dynamically according to the capacity on demand principles.

Common control signalling required by GPRS in the initial phase of packet transfer is conveyed on a packet common control channel (PCCCH), when

- 20 allocated, or on a common control channel CCCH. This allows the operator to have capacity allocated specifically to GPRS in the cell only when a packet is to be transferred.

- 25 At least one PDCH, acting as a master, accommodates packet common control channels that carry all the necessary control signalling for initiating packet transfer, i.e. PCCCH, whenever said signalling is not carried by the existing CCCH, as well as user data and dedicated signalling, i.e. PDTCH and PACCH. Other PDCHs, acting as slaves, are used for user data transfer and for dedicated signalling.

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- The GPRS does not require permanently allocated PDCHs. The allocation of capacity for GPRS can be based on the needs for actual packet transfers. The operator can as well decide to dedicate permanently or temporarily some physical resources, i.e. PDCHs, for the GPRS traffic. When the PDCHs are
- 5 congested due to the GPRS traffic load and more resources are available in the cell, the network can allocate more physical channels as PDCHs. On an up-link PDCH that contains PCCCH, all blocks in the multi-frame can be used as PRACH, PDTCH or PACCH. The use of a PRACH is indicated by an up-link state flag USF, as USF = free.
- 10 In the mobile originated packet transfer, the up-link access of the MS to the BSS is initiated by the MS by making a packet channel request on PRACH or RACH. Once the BSS has received the request of the MS, it responds with an immediate assignment message on the PAGCH or AGCH, respectively.
- 15 The packet immediate assignment message includes the list of PACCHs and the corresponding up-link state flag value per PDCH. The mobile station MS monitors the USFs on the allocated PDCHs and transmits radio blocks during the next up-link on those PDCHs, which currently bear the USF value, reserved
- 20 for the usage of the mobile station. By altering the state of USF, different radio blocks on a dedicated PDCH can be allocated dynamically for certain mobile stations thus providing a flexible reservation mechanism.
- 25 The packet channel request message on the PRACH coded in a packet channel request message contains information of the type of channel needed and the number of needed radio blocks, when a PDCH is requested. The packet channel request message is coded either for the existing length of the access burst, i.e. 8 bits, and for an extended length of 11 bits.
- 30 The packet channel request is specified in GSM 04.60

The mobile station MS sends a packet channel request in one of four bursts on the radio block used for PRACH. In the access, the burst is selected randomly.

Fig. 5 shows the structure of a radio block B0 to B11 of a multi-frame structure  
5 as shown in Fig. 4. Each radio block comprises the header section and an RLC-data block. The header section includes an up-link state flag USF. When the SDCCH coding scheme is used, the USF comprises 3 bits at the beginning of each radio block that is sent on the downlink. It enables the coding of 8 different USF states, which are used to multiplex the up-link traffic.

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On PCCH, one USF value is used to denote PRACH (USF = free). The other USF values (USF = R1 to R7) are used to reserve the up-link for different mobile stations. On PDCHs not carrying PCCCH, the 8 USF values (USF = R1 to R8) are used to reserve the up-link for different mobile stations thus  
15 preventing collision on the up-link channel. In this case, the USF points to the next up-link radio block comprising four bursts. The mobile station MS sends the packet channel request in one of the four bursts of the radio block used for PRACH.

20 Fig. 6 illustrates a first embodiment of the access method according to the present invention. Besides a first up-link state flag value F1, at least a further second up-link state flag value F2 is provided. The second up-link state flag value F2 is reserved exclusively for applications with strict delay requirements and therefore high priority. Only applications with strict delay requirements and  
25 high priority are allowed to use the access time slots of the radio block indicated by the up-link state flag F2. The first up-link state flag F1 indicates that the access time slots of the radio block can be used by all applications, i.e. applications with strict delay requirements, and by other applications with a lower delay requirement as well. As can be seen from the example shown in  
30 Fig. 6, the first radio block B0 has an up-link state flag set to the second up-link state flag value F2 indicating that the time slots of this block is exclusively

reserved for applications with strict delay requirements having a high priority. In contrast, the radio block B6 shown in Fig. 6 has its up-link state flag set to the up-link state flag value F1 indicating that the access time slots can be used by all applications including applications of high and low priority.

- 5 Fig. 7 illustrates a second embodiment of the access method according to the present invention. In this embodiment, the base station BS transmits on a logical control broadcast channel, e.g. PBCCH, a subgroup-specifying signal. The subgroup-specifying signal specifies a first subgroup within one or several multi-frames to be used for random access of applications with high priority and
- 10 another subgroup of radio blocks to be used for random access of all applications including applications with high and low priority. A subgroup may, for instance, consist of one block between idle frames with multi-frame structure of 52 TDMA-frames of PDCH. The subgroup-specifying signal specifies a subgroup of radio blocks within the multi-frames and indicates that the access
- 15 time slots of the subgroup are reserved for applications with a certain priority.

It is possible to define two priority levels, i.e. a high and a low priority, or to define more priorities depending on the delay requirements of the applications.

- 20 Fig. 8 illustrates a third embodiment of the access method according to the present invention. The base station transmits on a logical control broadcast channel, e.g. PBCCH, to the mobile station MS an access slot number specifying signal which indicates that a predetermined number of access time slots following the linking state flag USF are reserved for applications with high
- 25 priority. The up-link state flag USF in the example shown in Fig. 8 is followed by four time slots which can be used for access bursts. The BSS transmits that two out of four time slots of the radio block B0 are reserved exclusively for applications with high priority indicated by H in Fig. 8. The two remaining access time slots can be used by all applications including applications with a
- 30 low priority indicated as L in Fig. 8.

The embodiments shown in Fig. 7, 8 have the advantage that the USF-mechanism of a conventional GPRS does not have to be changed.

- In the embodiment shown in Fig. 6 using different up-link state flag values F1,  
5 F2 to indicate different priorities the USF mechanism has to be changed, but  
there is the advantage that no information on PBCCH has to be transmitted  
specifying a subgroup of blocks to be used for a high priority random access or  
specifying a predetermined number of access time slots to be used for random  
access within a radio block.
- 10 In all embodiments shown in Fig. 6 to 8 by increasing the portion of access time  
slots reserved exclusively for high priority applications with strict delay  
requirements, the probability that a packet data traffic channel PDTCH is  
assigned to an application with a strict delay requirement having a high priority  
15 is rapidly increased, and therefore the probability that a delay occurs due to  
collisions during the random access procedure which causes that a delay  
requirement is not met is extremely reduced. Therefore, the problems of a  
conventional random access procedure are avoided.
- 20 An application with strict delay requirements is for example traffic control,  
especially train control. In such an application, frequent data packets have to  
reach their destination within a certain time period. Thus the use of the access  
method according to the present invention in traffic control is also claimed.
- 25 An other application with strict delay requirements is for example remote  
supervision- and/or control. Thus the use of the access method according to  
the present invention in this application is also claimed.
- 30 The method according to the present invention can be applied to any mobile  
telecommunication system, which uses packet reservation multiple access  
(PRMA), and similar methods.

In particular, the method according to the present invention can be applied to the global system for mobile communication GSM that uses packet-switched network services such as the general packet radio service GPRS.

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The access method for mobile telecommunication according to the present invention can also be applied to a universal mobile telecommunication system UMTS.

- 10 In a preferred embodiment of the access method according to the present invention, the priority of random access can be tied to certain quality of service classes, e.g. high priority random access for quality of service class 1.

- 15 The access method for mobile telecommunication systems according to the present invention introduces priorities for the random access procedure to avoid collisions of random access from applications with high delay requirements having a high priority with applications which need only best effort services. The present invention applies mainly for GPRS, but can be transferred to other systems like UMTS as well.

Abbreviation list

	ACCH	associated control channel
	AGCH	access grant channel
5	BCCH	broadcast control channel
	BCS	the base station controller
	BSS	base station subsystem
	BTS	base transceiver station
	CCH	control channels
10	CCCH	common control channel
	FDMA	frequency division multiple access
	FH	frequency hopping
	GPRS	general packet radio service
	GSM	global system for mobile communication
15	GSMK	Gaussian Minimum Shift Keying
	HLR	home location of the register
	ISDN	integrated service digital network
	MS	mobile station
	MSC	mobile service switching centre
20	PACCH	packet associated control channel
	PAGCH	packet access grant channel
	PBCCH	packet broadcast control channel
	PCCH	packet control channel
	PCCCH	packet common control channel
25	PCN	personal communications networks
	PCS	personal communication services
	PDCH	packet data channel
	PDTCH	packet data traffic channel
	PRACH	packet random access channel
30	PRMA	packet reservation multiple access
	PTSN	public switched telephone network

	QoS	quality of standards
	RACH	random access channel
	SDCCH	stand-alone dedicated control channel
	SIM	subscriber identity module
5	TCH	traffic channels
	TDMA	time division multiple access
	TN	Slot number
	TS	time slot
	UMTS	universal mobile telecommunication system
10	USF	linking state flag
	VLR	visitor location register

## Claims

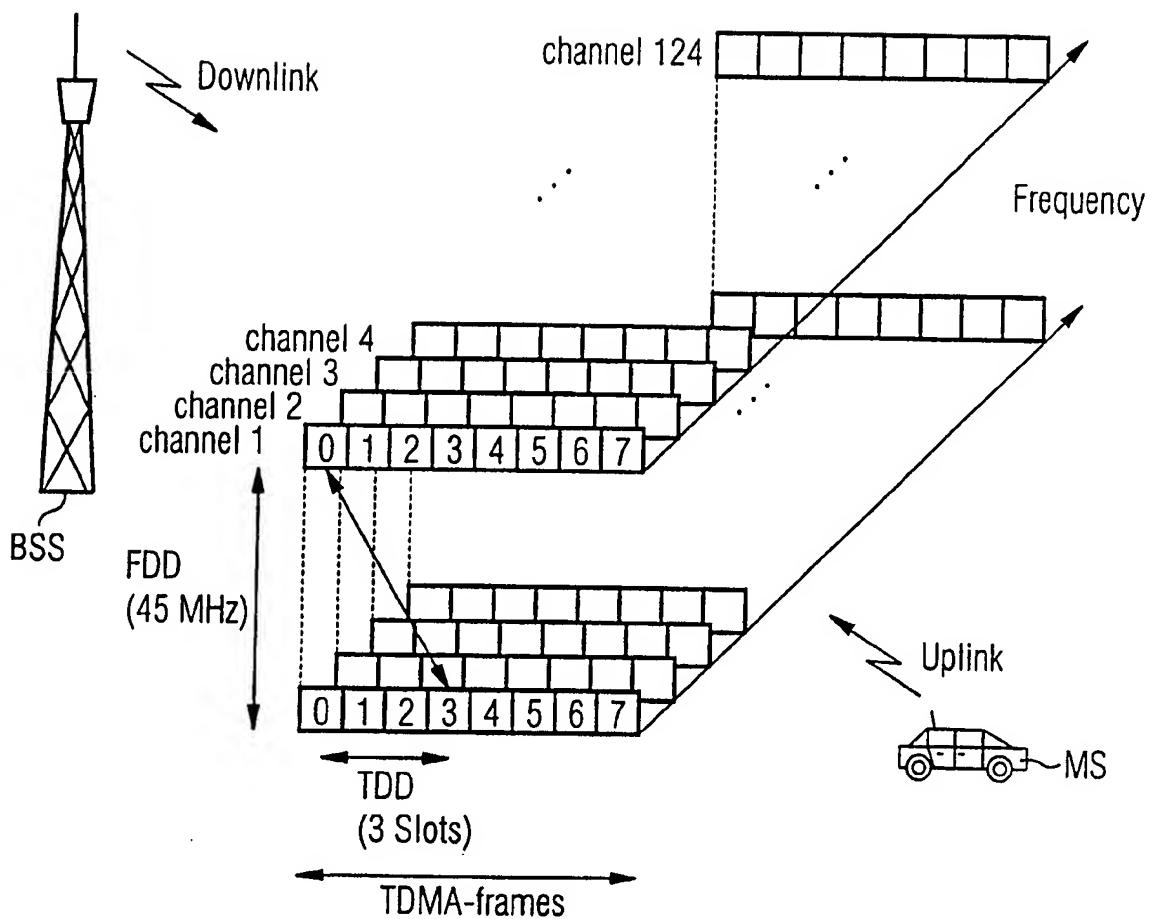
1. Access method for mobile telecommunication system comprising the  
5 following steps:
  - (a) providing a logical access control channel between a mobile station (MS) and a base station (BS),
  - (b) sending a channel request signal on said logical access control from the mobile station (MS) to the base station (BS),
  - 10 (c) mapping said logical access control channel onto at least one physical channel which has a multi-frame structure consisting of a plurality of frames, wherein said plurality of frames is divided into several radio blocks (B) comprising a predetermined number of time slots (TS),
  - 15 (d) providing a linking state flag (USF) in radio blocks in the downlink direction which indicates that the following group of time slots (TS) in the uplink direction are access time slots used for access bursts,
  - 20 (e) selecting the access bursts in a random access procedure, wherein a first portion of said access time slots is reserved exclusively for high priority applications with strict delay requirements and a second portion of said access time slots is used by all applications.
- 25 2. The access method according to claim 1 further comprising the step that the base station (BS) sends an assignment signal to the selected mobile station (MS) on a logical access grant channel, wherein the assignment signal directs the selected mobile station (MS) to tune to a dedicated logical control channel on which call set-up information is exchanged.

3. The access method according to claim 2,  
wherein after completion of the call set-up information exchange the  
base station (BS) assigns to the selected mobile station (MS) a logical  
traffic channel on which data communication takes place.
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4. The access method according to claims 1 to 3, characterised in that  
said linking state flag (USF) comprises at least two flag values (F1, F2),  
wherein one of said flag values indicates that the access time slots of the  
associated block (B) are reserved for said high priority applications.
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5. The access method according to claims 1 to 3, characterised in that  
the base station subsystem (BSS) transmits on a logical broadcast  
control channel to the mobile station (MS) a subgroup specifying signal  
specifying a subgroup of radio blocks B within the multi-frames and  
15 indicating that the access time slots of said subgroup are reserved for  
said high priority applications.
6. The access method according to claims 1 to 3, characterised in that  
the base station subsystem (BSS) transmits on a logical broadcast  
20 control channel to the mobile station (MS) an access slot number  
specifying signal which indicates that a predetermined number of said  
group of access time slots following said linking state flag (USF) are  
reserved for said high priority applications.
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7. The access method according to claims 1 to 6, characterised in that  
the physical channel has a multi-frame structure consisting of 52 time  
division multiple access TDMA frames divided into 12 radio blocks (B0-  
B11) of four TDMA frames and four idle frames.
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8. The access method according to claim 7, characterised in that

each TDMA frame comprises eight time slots (TS) wherein during each time slot a burst signal is transmittable.

9. The access method according to claims 1 to 8, characterised in that  
5 the group of time slots following said linking state flag (USF) used for access bursts comprises four access time slots.
10. The access method according to claims 1 to 9, characterised in that the mobile communication system is a global system for mobile  
10 communication (GSM) that uses packet-switched network services.
11. The access method according to claim 10, characterised in that  
the packet-switched network service is the General Packet Radio Service  
(GPRS) transmitting data according to the X.25-standard.  
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12. The access method according to claims 1 to 9, characterised in that  
the mobile telecommunication system is a universal mobile  
telecommunication system (UMTS).
- 20 13. The access method according to claims 1 to 12, characterised in that  
the reservation of said first portion of access time slots for high priority  
applications is carried out only for certain quality of service classes  
(QoS).
- 25 14. Use of the access method according to claims 1 to 13 for traffic control,  
especially train control.
15. Use of the access method according to claims 1 to 13 for remote  
supervision and/or remote control.

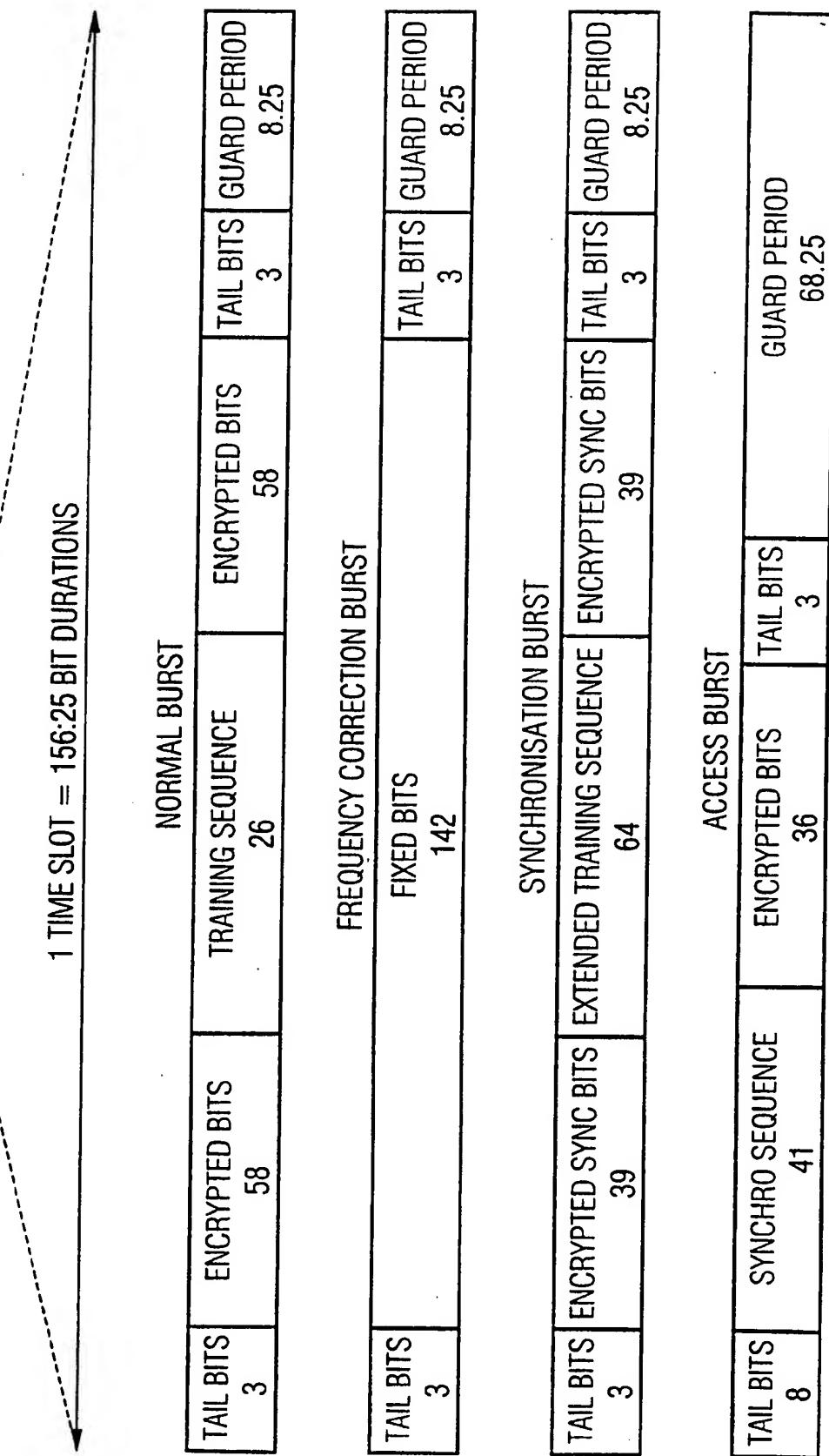
FIG. 1



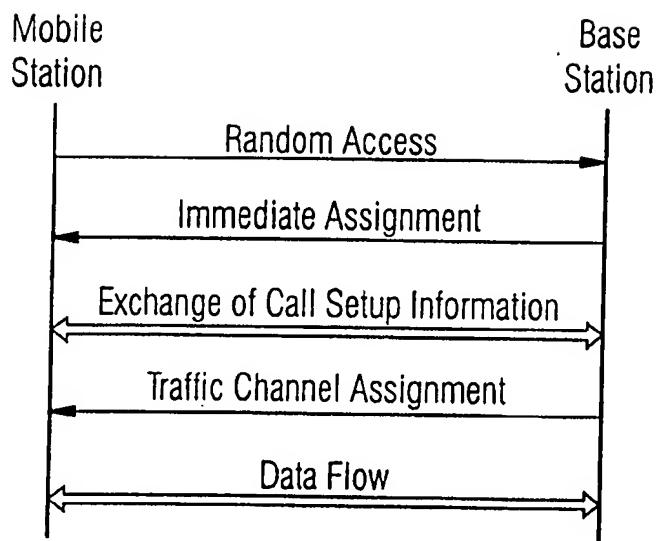
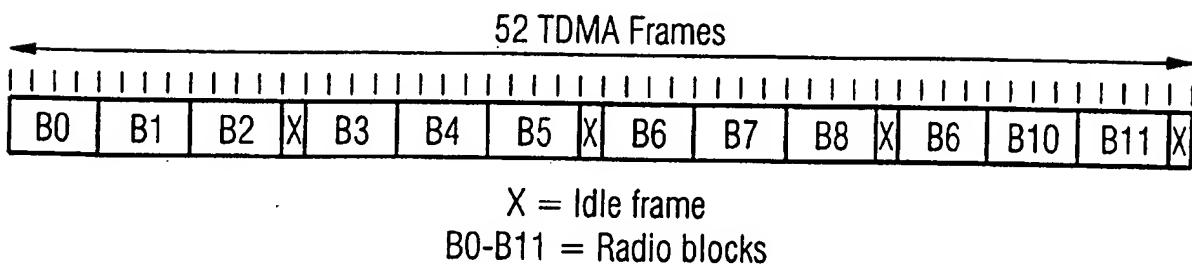
**FIG. 2**

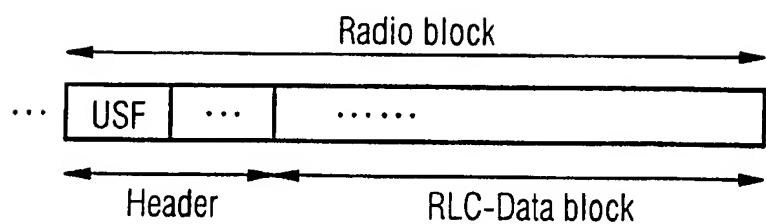
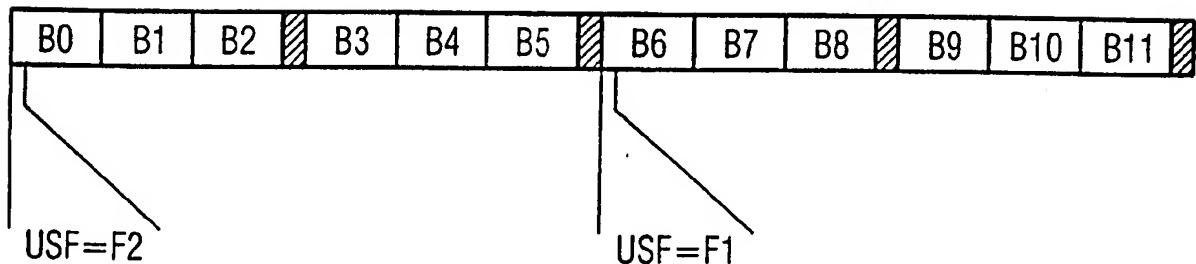
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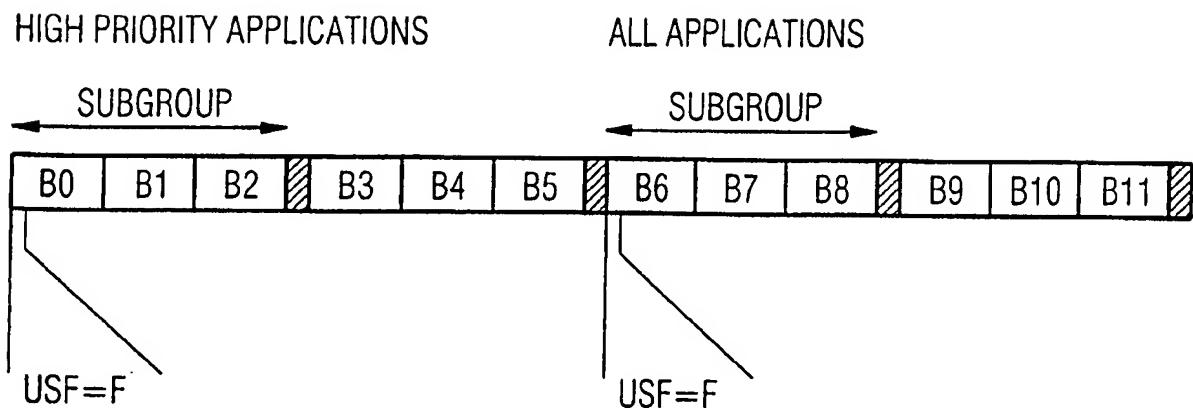
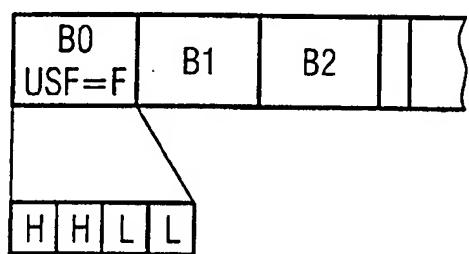

1 TIME SLOT = 156.25 BIT DURATIONS



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3	58	26	58
FREQUENCY CORRECTION BURST			
TAIL BITS	FIXED BITS		TAIL BITS
3	142		3
SYNCHRONISATION BURST			
TAIL BITS	ENCRYPTED SYNC BITS	EXTENDED TRAINING SEQUENCE	ENCRYPTED SYNC BITS
3	39	64	39
ACCESS BURST			
TAIL BITS	SYNCHRO SEQUENCE	ENCRYPTED BITS	TAIL BITS
8	41	36	3
			GUARD PERIOD
			68.25

**FIG. 3****FIG. 4**

**FIG. 5****FIG. 6**

**FIG. 7****FIG. 8**

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